

FEDERATION WITNESSES FAIL TO MAKE OUT STRONG CASE AGAINST THE MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD

Mrs. Fodai's Story of Alleged Violence by Militia, Told Today, Differs From That Related in Affidavit Signed by Her.

But Little Stress Is Laid on That Much Mooted Flag Incident—Witnesses Admit Soldiers Were Friendly With Men.

That it was the duty pastime of the strikers at Tamarack Junior and Centennial Heights to congregate in the evening and call "seals" at men returning from work, was the testimony offered at the beginning of this afternoon's session of the congressional investigation into the "strike," by William H. Palmer.

Palmer was put on the stand with the purpose of testifying in regard to an alleged attack by soldiers at Tamarack Junior in the early evening of Sept. 8, 1913. He said the men, women and children congregated on a road midway between Centennial Heights and Tamarack Junior while Capt. Blackburn and six other soldiers were escorting four men home from work at the Red Jacket shaft.

On cross-examination Major Pepper, representing the National Guard, asked:

"It was your custom in Tamarack Junior to wait for the men returning from work?"

"Yes," answered Palmer, "to see the seals go by."

"You always called names?"

"That was the general custom."

"Was that picketing?"

"No, I'd hardly call it that. We'd say 'let's go down to see the fun.' I took it as a sort of pastime."

"A daily pastime?" asked Major Pepper.

"Yes," answered the witness.

Palmer's testimony was to the effect that when the women and children were calling names to the four men who were guarded, Capt. Blackburn struck a woman across the shoulders with his saber. Another woman, Mrs. Phillip Gregory, cried "forward," Capt. Blackburn threw her down, the witness said, and attempted to tie her to a horse, saying at the same time "I'll fix you so you can't handle a broom again." Her son and husband then came up and rescued her. Another woman, the witness said, was struck by a soldier with the butt of a rifle and knocked into a cellar and so badly injured that Dr. John MacRae of Centennial had to be called to attend her.

In the cross-examination Major Pepper drew out that as a general thing the large general parades of the strikers, such as those on Sunday and on special occasions like the visits of Mother Jones and John Mitchell, were not interfered with.

The major asked Palmer when the parades of the strikers were discontinued. The answer was:

"We were advised to quit at the time the Citizens' Alliance was organized. Our officers told us that if the two factions were to parade the same day and should happen to meet there probably would be some gore lost."

Charles Johnson of Mohawk testified to the stopping of a parade at Mohawk on Nov. 18th. He also told of another incident in which a man carrying a flag was whipped by two soldiers. He reported the matter to the sheriff, he said, and the sheriff said "We can do nothing about it."

Major General Kirk arrived today to be present at the investigation regarding the alleged misconduct of the state militia during the strike.

The federation this morning attempted to show the offenses which it is alleged were perpetrated.

The greater part of the early session was consumed with the testimony of Mrs. Fodai, wife of Louis Fodai, one of the most active of the Hungarian strikers. Her testimony concerned the attempt of Under-Sheriff Heikkela to arrest her husband July 21. She implicated the militia, stating that a soldier struck her with a gun and that two of them fired two shots into the kitchen of her home. She related the story of Heikkela's coming to the house about 5 o'clock in the afternoon stating she met the officer at the door and demanded that he produce a warrant. At the previous moment she was baking in the kitchen and carried a rolling pin with her when she could produce no warrant, she refused to let him enter. Immediately the officer grabbed her by the hair and dragged her fifteen feet into the yard, she averred. A soldier came into the yard at that juncture and struck her with the gun. Other deputies who came to the assistance of Heikkela, she said, locked her and two other women neighbors

in a cupboard and three soldiers ran into the house two of them firing into the kitchen.

Her husband, she said, was not a citizen.

In the cross-examination, she repeated the statement regarding Heikkela dragging her into the yard by the hair, denied throwing a kettle of boiling water at him, and said she did nothing until he took her by the hair, asserting that he assaulted her because she would not let him into the house. She repeated that she did not attempt to strike him and made no outcry while being dragged into the yard, declaring that the soldiers made no attempt to rescue her from the deputies.

Judge Advocate General Samuel Pepper who is representing the state militia took the witness. She declared about forty soldiers were in the yard and about the house when the assault occurred. Three of them she said were in a room and two were standing near a door. She admitted that her husband was hiding in a cupboard in the dining room. The soldiers who were in the house, she said, were officers, two of whom fired the two shots, while they were standing in the doorway. While she declared that the shots were fired into the kitchen, she could find no bullet holes and nothing had been broken by the shots. She said the window was open at the time and suggested that this may have accounted for the absence of bullet holes.

"Asked if she had ever told the story before, she replied in the negative, except as a witness in court.

Leading up to her signing an affidavit, Attorney Pepper asked her if she ever signed a statement. She again replied in the negative. She declared she had been so injured by being struck by the soldiers that she could not work for a week. She said she was struck only once, in the ankle. After she was injured, two other soldiers drove her from the house at the point of bayonets.

Again questioned as to the affidavit, she admitted that some one came to her house a few days after the alleged outrage and asked her to sign a statement. The affidavit it appears was made by her a day or two later in Red Jacket. Attorney Pepper asked to read the affidavit which was printed in the Miners' Bulletin, into the records.

Attorney Hilton for the Federation objected on the ground that such evidence had been introduced.

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SECRETARY OF NAVY PRAISES PRESIDENT

Declares Wilson Has Heeded the Admonition of Washington

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Secretary of the Navy, Daniel, in an address at the Washington birthday celebration at the Union League club, declared President Wilson has heeded the admonition of Washington, and in that spirit received the approval of the people of the United States.

"In the spirit of Washington, Wilson entered his duties a year ago," said Daniel. "As a leader of his party he summoned the members of that party to labor with him in redeeming the pledges. But he did not stop there. He called on men of every party for counsel and co-operation."

"Washington in his farewell address warned the country against the baneful effects of passions aroused by extremes of party spirit. When Washington's advice was accepted, from generous partisanship emerged an era of good feeling. Are we not on the verge of another era of good feeling?"

WIFE OF TURFMAN SUICIDES.

Lexington, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Lawrence Simpson who shot herself yesterday with her husband's revolver, members of the family say by accident, died today at her home near here. She was the daughter of Dr. William Wilder of Chicago, where she was a prominent society girl. She was married to Simpson, a wealthy turfman, here last November.

AIRSHIP TO FIND SUBMARINE.

Portsmouth, Feb. 22.—Piloting a hydro-aeroplane and with naval airmen as passengers, First Lord of the Admiralty Churchill made two trips from here to Spithead for the purpose of testing whether it would be possible to locate the submerged submarine's boats with the aid of aeroplanes.

OFFER \$700,000 FOR CUBS.

Cincinnati, Feb. 22.—Charles Taft has sent a telegram to Attorney Beahan of Chicago, representing a syndicate said to be willing to purchase Taft's holdings in the Chicago National for \$700,000, that he is ready to discuss the matter.

WHEN JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME



FORMER SENATOR TELLER IS DEAD

First Original Silver Republican Dies at Age of Eighty-Three

Denver, Colo., Feb. 22.—Henry Moore Teller, former cabinet officer and for more than thirty years a United States senator from Colorado, died this morning, aged eighty-three. He had been ill for two years and his death was not unexpected.

Teller was one of the "Original Silver Republicans." Many supporters contended he was the first. He left the Republican national convention in St. Louis in 1886 because he did not agree with the gold standard plank in the platform, and ran again for the Senate as an independent Silver Republican. He was elected with a 94 vote out of 109, and after serving that term the Silver Republicans of Colorado merged with the Democrats, and Teller returned to the Senate, that time as a Democrat. He served one term as such, and retired in 1902 to make way for late Senator Hatcher of the same party.

In 1882 Teller entered President Arthur's cabinet as secretary of the interior. In 1885 he re-entered the Senate.

Teller was one of the first two senators elected when Colorado became a state. He was born in Albany, New York, practiced law in Birmingham, and went west to Illinois in 1858 and to Colorado in 1861.

SOCIETY TO THE BOW-WOWS.

New York's Annual Dog Show Opens With 2,000 Entries.

New York, Feb. 22.—A record-breaking list of 2,000 dogs exhibited their manners, good and bad, to the public which thronged the Grand Central Palace today at the opening of the thirty-eighth annual dog show of the Westminster Kennel club. In the opinion of the experts this year's show is the greatest collection of aristocratic canines ever assembled under one roof. Every breed of dog known to the fancier is represented. Pitted for honors against the blue-ribbon winners of the American Kennel are champion dogs from Canada, Great Britain and the Continent. Never before have the foreign entries been so numerous and of such a high class.

A large number of women exhibitors were present today with their pets, nor did they confine themselves to the toy terriers and Japanese spaniels. Many of the huge mastiffs, St. Bernards and Great Danes guarded the cloaks and hats of their mistresses in their quarters on the benches.

G. A. R. OF ALABAMA.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 22.—The blue and the gray fraternized here today at the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Department of Alabama. A special invitation was extended to the Confederate veterans to attend the reunion and many of them responded. Washington Gardner of Michigan, the national commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., was present as the guest of honor.

CAPTURED BY "PIRATES."

Brigands Prove Real Sociable And Tampa Celebrates.

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 22.—Hundreds of visitors joined with the residents of Tampa in the enjoyment of the annual carnival today, when Gasparilla and his band of "Pirates" sailed into the harbor and took possession of the city. Pictorially attired in costumes of 150 years ago the band of freebooters effected a landing and after meeting with a feeble resistance, were given the keys of the city by Mayor McKay. The "capture" was followed by a gay parade through the city. An additional feature of the day's program was the formal opening of the new \$250,000 Lafayette street bridge.

WOMEN TO BE BIG FACTOR IN CHICAGO PRIMARIES

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22.—Seldom in the history of Chicago has so much interest been aroused in a political election as is now manifested in the aldermanic primaries to be held tomorrow, when nominations will be made by the various parties for one alderman in each of the thirty-five wards. The unusual interest arises from the fact that the primaries will afford the women their opportunity to exercise the franchise given them under the suffrage law. Politicians have no way in which to estimate the division of the women's vote among parties and factions and consequently there are more words than usual in which the results of the primary fights are in doubt. The situation is further complicated by the fact that several women are contesting for aldermanic nominations.

NIGHT CASHIER OF EXPRESS COMPANY SHOT AND KILLED

Corning, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Harry Edwards, night cashier of an express company here, was shot and killed by David Dunn, aged 19, who was captured and confessed. Dunn is a former employee of the company, and after shooting Edwards made an unsuccessful attempt to open the safe and get a shipment of \$10,000 in currency, which arrived during the night.

SURVIVORS OF NORWEGIAN BARK BROUGHT TO PORT.

Wexford, Ireland, Feb. 22.—Survivors of the crew of the Norwegian bark, Mexico, were today taken off the barren island, on whose shores they were washed after the vessel was dashed to pieces on the rocks Friday. Fourteen men were drowned in various attempts to rescue them.

THREE PROMINENT JAPS ARE CHARGED WITH BRIBERY.

Tokio, Feb. 22.—Three prominent Japanese contractors, furnishing supplies to the navy, were arrested today on charges of bribery. The arrests indicate that the naval scandals, brought to light through the relations of the naval attaché from Berlin with a German contracting firm, will prove more extensive than at first suspected.

LITTLE GIRL NOT KIDNAPED CHILD

One Found in Arkansas Not the Missing Katherine Winters

Huntsville, Ark., Feb. 22.—A man 50 years of age giving the name of Stuart was arrested here Saturday and a little girl dressed as a boy was put under the protection of the sheriff in the belief that she is Katherine Winters, daughter of Dr. W. A. Winters, missing from her home at New Castle, Ind., since last March.

The girl, according to the sheriff, says her name is Katherine Winters and that she formerly lived in a town in Indiana, the name of which she cannot remember.

Dr. Winters is disappointed. Springfield, Ark., Feb. 22.—Dr. W. A. Winters, of New Castle, Indiana, is expected to arrive here today to see if the girl, found at Huntsville, a neighboring hamlet, is his daughter, Katherine, missing or kidnapped from New Castle on April 29, 1913. The girl was brought here by Sheriff Shuster.

Dr. Winters, upon his arrival, declared the girl held here was not his missing daughter.

OCEAN FLIGHT PROBABLE.

Success 50 per Cent Assured, Declares Glenn H. Curtiss.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—Success for the proposed transatlantic airplane flight is "50 per cent assured," according to Glenn H. Curtiss, who is here seeking scientific information on the air currents which, at various altitudes, sweep across the Atlantic. Government scientists believe these forces of nature can be used to great advantage by aviators competing in the race.

Curtiss said that the plans for the big machine to fly over the ocean are practically settled upon. When completed the craft will weigh three tons and will be three times the size of any aircraft yet attempted.

CAR FRIGHTENS FOX.

The motorman of one of the Houghton County Traction company's cars reports that one evening last week, as his car left Franklin Junior, he noticed an object speeding along the tracks just in front of the headlight, and after close observation, discovered it was a fox, evidently mesmerized by the headlight. The fleet footed animal kept a safe distance between itself and the car almost as far as Osceola. The motorman states he is certain of the identity of the animal.

BERGDAHL-JOHNSON.

The marriage was solemnized Saturday evening at the parsonage of the Calumet Congregational church by the pastor, Rev. Luther K. Long of Miss Ingeborg Bergdahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bergdahl of Calumet, to Carl Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Johnson. There were no attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their home on Pewabic street, Laurium. The groom is a carpenter employed by the C. & H. company.

NO INTERVENTION IN MEXICO IS PLANNED BY GREAT BRITAIN AS RESULT OF BENTON'S EXECUTION

MEXICAN TROOP TRAIN
BLOWN UP BY REBELS
ALL ON BOARD KILLED

Vera Cruz, Feb. 22.—A government troop train, carrying a company of infantry from Mexico City, destined for Japala, was blown up Saturday by the rebels, 110 miles from here. The train was demolished. All on board, including fifty-five officers and men, and the English engineer were killed.

This Is the Attitude of the British

Foreign Office as Outlined by Under-Secretary Today in the House of Commons

Washington Awaits Result of Investigation of Affair, on Which Depends Possible Action by the Senate in Situation

FIVE PRIESTS ARE SLAIN IN BOMB OUTRAGE

Explosion in Greek Bishop's Office at Debreczin, Hungary, Today

Debreczin, Hungary, Feb. 22.—Five priests were killed today in a bomb explosion in the office of Bishop Miklosy, a prelate in the Greek Catholic church. The bishop, supposed to have been the object of the outrage, escaped uninjured.

The creation of a Greek Catholic bishopric here a year ago, provoked hostility.

DETROIT TEAM MAY COME.

The Detroit hockey team is making arrangements for a tour of the copper country district. In the near future, arrangements are being made for games with Calumet at the Coliseum, Houghton at the Amphidrome, Duluth at Duluth and the American and Canadian Soo teams. The Detroit team is one of the best in the central west and the games here undoubtedly will be of interest.

HEAVY SNOW STORM IN MIDDLE WEST

Wire Service Demoralized and Railroad Traffic Delayed

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The worst snow storm of the winter started yesterday and continued today over a large part of the middle west. Throughout Missouri, Iowa, central and southern Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, Indiana and Ohio, heavy snow is falling.

High wind demoralized the wires, especially south and west of here and railroad traffic is badly delayed. In central Illinois and Missouri many trains are stalled in snow drifts.

Around Lake Michigan, the storm abated during the night and today it is sixteen above zero.

Colder and snow is the forecast for Chicago.

A blizzard struck St. Louis late Sunday afternoon and continued today.

Peoria, Ill., remained in the grip of one of the worst blizzards in the memory of the oldest residents. The storm began early yesterday afternoon. Business is practically suspended. The Illinois traction system is running no trains. Attempts were made to operate cars between Peoria and Bloomington, but they encountered snow drifts of six to twelve feet and were forced to return.

Decatur is experiencing one of the worst storms in its history. School sessions are suspended.

The storm which gripped Des Moines and central Iowa yesterday and last night diminished considerably early today, but the temperature remained at eight above. Burlington, Iowa, last night suffered the most severe storm of the winter.

Springfield, Ill., was isolated by the blizzard and business paralyzed. At Danville snow drifts practically tied up all transportation. Big Four trains were eight to fourteen hours late. The storm continues. The worst storm of the season swept Kansas and western Missouri last night and continued today. Ohio continued today in the grip of the snow storm which swept the state since early Sunday afternoon. The snow at many points ranges from 12 to 18 inches.

London, Feb. 22.—The pacification of Mexico is an object we heartily desire to see accomplished, but it is impossible to effect it by British intervention. We do not intend to make any attempt of that character, which would be both futile and impolitic.

This attitude of the British foreign office was outlined today in the House of Commons by Francis Dyke Acland, parliamentary under-secretary of foreign affairs, "after a full consideration of the series of victimizations of British subjects in Mexico, and culminating in the removal of William R. Benton by Villa at Juarez."

"The continued fighting in Mexico," Acland added, "is a very great menace to British and other commercial interests, and a matter of very great concern."

Acland promised to lay before the House of Commons as soon as possible all communications bearing on Mexico that have passed the British government and the United States.

U. S. Not Held Responsible.

London, Feb. 22.—The history of the Benton affair, as contained in information furnished to British Ambassador Spring-Rice by the state department at Washington, was communicated officially to the House of Commons today by Sir Edward Grey. The full house listened with intense interest to the explanations by Grey and Dyke Acland who discussed their communication with Washington. Grey explained that Great Britain did not hold the United States responsible for Villa's acts, but he said the British government was powerless to take any measures in the disturbed region. Grey said Bryan promised a full inquiry, although declining responsibility for Villa's doings.

British Press Comment.

London, Feb. 22.—The killing of William R. Benton by Villa at Juarez, occupied the most prominent place in all the newspapers in the British Isles today. The Manchester Guardian, one of the leading Liberal papers said:

"It is impossible not to suspect that the execution of Benton was no better than murder."

The full Mail Gazette, an Opposition organ, under the heading: "It is murder most foul," says the slaying of Benton touches the honor of the British name to the quick."

The Globe says:

"The result of the inquiry by the United States will be awaited with restrained emotion, but it will have to be very conclusive in its justification of the act inflicted into it is to satisfy not only the British, but we are glad to think, American opinion as well."

Referring to Wilson's refusal to recognize Huerta, the Globe asks:

"If it is proved that Villa has unjustifiably done and sent to death a peaceful British resident, how can the principles which condemned Huerta be reconciled with the support of his advisers?"

"The Westminster Gazette takes the stand that Villa's proceedings in regard to Benton must be illegal as the rebels have never been recognized."

"An investigation may possibly show that Benton himself was responsible for the dreadful fate meted out to him," it says, "but short of that we believe public opinion on both sides of the Atlantic will demand that the murderers of Benton be brought to book."

Senate Awaits Developments.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Upon developments the next day or two in the case of William Benton, the British ranchman who was executed by Cons.

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THE WEATHER.

Continued cold tonight and Tuesday. Probably snow flurries.

